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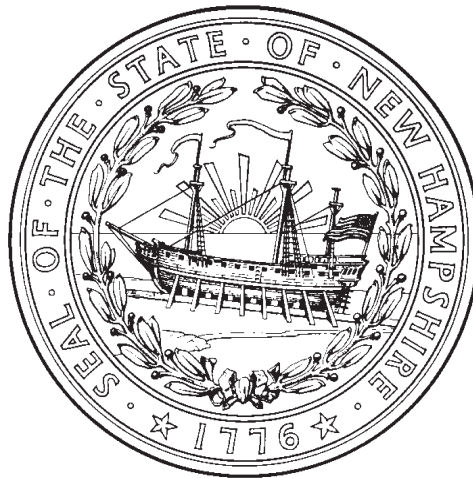
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Second Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

The Senate Session on Thursday, March 7, 2024, in the Senate Chamber
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LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 173-FN, relative to surprise medical bills.01/03/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 1

SB 305-FN, relative to allowing wholesalers of cigarettes to retain tax revenue collected for each package of cigarettes with tax stamps sold.02/08/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Ways and Means, SJ 3

SB 343, relative to school based health services.01/18/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Education, SJ 2

SB 346-FN, prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting coyotes.02/15/2024, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 4

SB 452-FN-A, relative to making an appropriation for the hiring and training of small business development counselors in rural areas of New Hampshire.02/21/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 5

SB 483-FN, relative to establishing an office of regulatory efficiency and oversight.02/21/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 5

SB 484-FN, relative to completion of the birth worksheet for hospital or institutional birth.02/21/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 5

HB 307-FN, relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law.02/15/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 4

HB 572-FN, relative to eligibility for free school meals.01/03/2024, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Education, SJ 1

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 328-FN, relative to deceptive ticket sale practices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would make the resale of event tickets by an entity other than the venue or an authorized agent of the venue unlawful if it does not meet certain criteria. The pervasive nature of this practice has led to an increase in deceptive sales, higher ticket prices and confusion for patrons. The negative impact of these is most acutely felt by our small, local venues. The Committee Amendment would address some of the concerns raised at the public hearing. The committee believes that the measures prescribed in SB 328/A will offer some protections for artists, consumers and, producing and presenting venues.

SB 335-FN, relative to alcohol packaging.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would have prohibited labeling that had attributes that may appeal to minors; prohibited advertisements for products that mimic non-alcoholic products that are commercially available; and created an additional appeals process. The Committee believed appropriate controls were already in place to prevent minors from purchasing alcoholic products. In addition, the Committee believed craft brewers would be unfairly impacted.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 485-FN, relative to allowing digitally verifiable licenses, certificates, or permits to prove occupational experience or training for military spouses and veterans

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 485 allows digitally verifiable licenses, certificates, or permits to prove occupational experience or training for military spouses and veterans. The committee heard testimony that allowing these digital tools would enable a smoother transition for military families moving to and from New Hampshire. The committee amendment gave the OPLC temporary licensing authority to enable military spouse applicants to work during the period of time required to conduct an applicant's background check and confirmation of identity.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 312, relative to third party liability in Medicaid.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 312 provides for health carrier acceptance of liability to third parties under state Medicaid procedures. This is a request of the Department of Health and Human Services in order to ensure state compliance with federal requirements.

SB 349, relative to a voluntary home visiting program report by the wellness and primary prevention council.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 349 directs the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council to prepare a voluntary home visiting program report for the legislature. The WPPC is a strong resource for the legislature and brings together many stakeholders. Home visiting programs greatly improve healthy outcomes for moms and babies but currently women enrolled in Medicaid are the only sizeable population with access to home visits. The WPPC has a long history of developing these types of reports and is well situated to guide a future legislature in potentially moving forward on a more inclusive home visiting program.

SB 401-FN, relative to removing the prospective repeal of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and trust fund.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 401-FN removes the prospective repeal of the New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program and Trust Fund. Medicaid Expansion has always earned bipartisan, bicameral support each time it's been renewed. In HB 2-FN-A-L (2023), a bipartisan, bicameral agreement was reached to reauthorize Medicaid Expansion for a seven-year period. The Committee does not feel it is appropriate at this time to disrupt that agreement which was crafted specifically to earn bipartisan, bicameral support.

SB 402, relative to allowing pharmacists to administer FDA approved vaccines without explicit approval from the general court.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 402 allows pharmacists to administer FDA approved vaccines without explicit approval from the General Court. This was a request of many constituents and pharmacists at the hearing on SB 35 (2023). The process of seeking legislative approval for each individual vaccine, despite already being approved by the federal government, is arduous and burdensome and negatively impacts public health by delaying distribution. The Committee Amendment ensures access to influenza and Covid-19 vaccines for the general public while restricting all other vaccines to adults. This will support public health and empower our pharmacists to work within their scope of practice.

SB 408, establishing a committee to study the effects of the housing crisis on the disability community.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

SB 408 establishes a committee to study the effects of the housing crisis on the disability community. There is a housing crisis in New Hampshire and the Committee heard testimony that there is a disproportionate impact on the disability community. A study committee will be able to work with subject matter experts and develop recommendations to the General Court on how to alleviate that impact. The Committee Amendment reduces the Senate membership to two Senators.

SB 412-FN, relative to residential care and health facility licensing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

SB 412-FN extends the exception for an existing pediatric intermediate care facility to accept two additional residents. This is a very specific, limited bill to allow the Cedarcrest Center in Keene to add two beds for a two-year period. There is a wait list of New Hampshire children waiting for a bed in New Hampshire at a facility that can meet their intense physical and medical needs. This bill will help those New Hampshire children get the care that they need.

SB 455-FN, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for prosthetic and orthotic devices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

SB 455-FN directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a reimbursement rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices under Medicaid that is equal to the rate under Medicare and makes an appropriation to the Department for this purpose. The bill also directs the legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services to study the issue. The Committee Amendment represents a compromise to incrementally increase the reimbursement rate to 90% of the Medicare rate, rather than the initially proposed 100%. This will help New Hampshire providers continue to offer high quality services to Granite Staters suffering from limb loss to receive the prosthetic and orthotic devices that they require in order to live vibrant, healthy, engaging lives.

SB 456-FN, relative to establishing a nurse retention school loan debt relief program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 456-FN, as introduced, established a nurse retention school loan debt relief program in the Department of Health and Human Services and established a dedicated fund, making an appropriation to the fund for that purpose. As amended, SB 456-FN provides additional funding to the existing Student Loan Repayment Program that is specifically earmarked for nurses. This is a more cost- and personnel-efficient method of supporting New Hampshire nurses than standing up a new program in a non-budget year. There is a critical need for nurses in New Hampshire and this targeted SLRP appropriation should help nurses come to, and remain in, the state.

SB 457-FN, relative to inpatient psychiatric services authorization and utilization review.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 457-FN directs the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish uniform guidelines for inpatient psychiatric services under the managed care law. The Committee heard testimony that this bill would ask state agency staff to make clinical decisions outside of their scope of practice and expertise. Codifying guidelines in statute would also be cumbersome and slow moving, making it difficult for regulations to keep pace with the best medical guidance.

SB 458, relative to the dispensing of certain medications.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

SB 458 adds to the list of exceptions to the prohibition for dealing in or possessing prescription drugs the dispensing of up to a 90-day supply of noncontrolled oral anti-cancer medication by a licensed health care professional legally authorized to administer medications to a patient under a provider's care or supervision. This change will help cancer patients access and keep up with the medications they need in a timely and easy manner. The Committee Amendment is a compromise that reduces the supply to 60 days. This change will reduce the risk of mismanagement and ensure regular oversight of prescriptions.

SB 496-FN, directing the department of health and human services to establish a climate and health protection program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 496-FN directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a climate and health protection program in response to health threats associated with a changing environment. The climate is changing and it is having a significant impact on the physical, emotional, and mental health of

Granite Staters. DHHS previously operated a climate health program under funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2013 to 2022 but, unfortunately, the CDC did not approve New Hampshire in the most recent round of grant funding. This bill will re-establish the program and continue that important work. The Committee Amendment ensures that DHHS will use funding sources other than general funds.

SB 500-FN-A, establishing a primary care provider loan repayment program, and making an appropriation therefor.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

SB 500-FN-A would establish a primary care provider loan repayment program and fund in the Department of Health and Human Services and make an appropriation to the Department for this purpose. The Committee heard testimony that this bill could negatively affect the State Loan Repayment Program, which prioritizes rural and underserved communities. This is an issue that requires more time and work in order to move forward and should be considered more fully in a budget year.

SB 555-FN, relative to receipt of pharmaceutical rebates by insurers and pharmacy benefits managers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

SB 555-FN revises the annual reporting requirement for pharmacy benefits managers regarding pharmaceutical rebates and revises the percentage of rebates insurers are required to make available to enrollees, increases the fine for noncompliance, and removes the prospective repeal of RSA 415-A:7, relative to insurer cost sharing of rebates. This bill will ensure that at least 50% of savings from pharmaceutical rebates are passed on directly to the consumer at the point of sale, following the example of several states – where no upward pressure on premiums has been seen. It will also increase transparency through stronger reporting requirements. The Committee Amendment ensures that Medicaid, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, and self-funded plans such as the state employee health benefit plan are carved out from the rebate program, because the special funding of those programs would be significantly impacted by the loss of rebate savings.

SB 557, relative to prohibiting discriminatory actions related to participation in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

SB 557 prohibits a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, other third-party payer, or its agent from discriminating against an entity that participates in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program based on the entity's participation in the program or that the drug is a drug covered by the program. The 340B Drug Pricing Program ensures that covered entities are able to provide a savings to the patients they serve and re-invest that savings into access to needed healthcare services. Any efforts to discriminate against the 340B Drug Pricing Program will limit the ability of covered entities to provide lower cost prescriptions and other health benefits to vulnerable Granite Staters. This bill will protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program in New Hampshire in lieu of federal action.

SB 560, relative to establishing a committee to study the impact of pharmacy benefit manager operations on cost, administration, and distribution of prescription drugs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 560 establishes a committee to study the impact of pharmacy benefit manager operations on cost, administration, and distribution of prescription drugs. The Committee heard testimony about the significant changes in the prescription drug landscape over the last several years and the evolving role of PBMs. A study committee will develop issue expertise in the legislature on this important aspect of health care delivery. The Committee Amendment ensures that the study committee will approach their task free from pre-conceived notions and will fairly consider all aspects of their duties.

JUDICIARY

SB 313, relative to the delivery of the mittimus in a criminal case.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

Senate Bill 313 would codify the allowable mechanisms for the delivery of a mittimus in a criminal case. The mittimus is the sentencing document sent from the judiciary to the Department of Corrections affirming that the person is sentenced to a term of incarceration. At the request of the Department, this bill would clarify that either electronic or hand delivery of the mittimus is allowed.

SB 327-FN, providing penalties for the assault or harassment of sports officials.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

SB 327-FN would permit the courts to impose a ban on individuals convicted of certain offenses against a sports official from participating in sports events in this state. The Committee heard testimony from several sports officials who described acts of harassment, assault and stalking. While the hundreds of sporting events that take place each week do so without incident, there are, on occasion, crimes committed against sports officials. This bill defines several terms related to sport participants, officials, events and fields of play. It also specifies that if one is convicted of certain crimes against a sports official, the court may impose a prohibition upon that person from participating in sports events for a specified period of time.

SB 356-FN, relative to the return of property collected in the course of a police investigation.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 356-FN would have provided for the automatic return of seized property following certain dispositions of criminal cases, subject to certain exceptions. The Committee heard testimony that RSA 595-A:6 already encompasses the language in this bill. Furthermore, police raised concerns about the timeframe established in this bill and potential liability issues.

SB 362-FN, relative to body-worn cameras.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 362, as introduced, would have clarified the circumstances in which body-worn cameras may be copied, distributed, or used in certain criminal, juvenile, or administrative proceedings. The Committee Amendment would direct the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission to issue a report concerning the issues implicated by copying, distribution, or use of body worn camera images in certain proceedings. The collection of this data will help guide any future legislation.

SB 419-FN, relative to THC limits in cannabis and reporting.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 419-FN, as introduced, would have established a definition for “cannabis concentrate,” amended the definition of “usable cannabis,” and required additional information to be provided to the commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services for inclusion in the annual report from the therapeutic use of cannabis program. The Committee Amendment would strike the first two sections of the bill, so the bill would now only require additional information in the annual report on the therapeutic use of cannabis program from the commissioner of the Department.

SB 420, relative to requiring an additional report from the legislative study committee concerning the long-term impact of the New Hampshire adult parole system.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

Senate Bill 420 would require an additional report from the legislative study committee concerning the long-term impact of the New Hampshire adult parole system. The Committee Amendment would simply create an end date to the study committee. The Committee has conducted extensive work and heard from a variety of stakeholders; however, the Committee believes more work is needed to be done to fully understand the problems and solutions needed to fix this issue.

SB 425, relative to bail commissioner fees.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 425 would increase the bail commissioner fee to \$60. Currently, bail commissioners receive \$40 but this has been the fee for a long time and doesn’t cover the hours it takes for them to do their job. There has been a lot of talk about setting up a magistrate system; however, until that happens this is a reasonable fix to adequately compensate bail commissioners.

SB 460-FN, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 460 establishes the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of small unmanned aircraft systems (drones). The Committee Amendment takes out the criminal offense for a violation of FAA regulations while manning a drone as well as downgrading the criminal penalties across the board, associated with each of the offenses. Current New Hampshire law lacks adequate prohibition and penalties to address nefarious use of these drones, and this legislation would ensure the safety of the states citizens and protect critical infrastructure from potential threats posed by small drones.

SB 502-FN, relative to the scanning of non-drivers' identification cards by real estate brokers.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 502-FN clarifies that licensed real estate brokers may scan, record, retain, or store electronic information collected with a license holder's consent for a period lasting until the closing date or upon the license holder's request. Fraudulent real estate sales are on the rise, and numerous real estate offices in New Hampshire have been scammed because they cannot request an electronic copy of the driver's license, as currently that would be a misdemeanor. While real estate agents asking for identification is not a full proof method, this legislation would be one way to prevent fraud in real estate transactions.

SB 509-FN, relative to authorization of cremation in certain circumstances.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 509 would have provided that when there is probable cause to believe a domestic violence-related homicide has been committed by one spouse against the other, only an immediate family member, other than the spouse, may authorize cremation or transport of the deceased individual. This issue is already addressed in statute.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 432-FN, relative to advanced deposit account wagering.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill clarifies the legal status of advanced deposit wagering and establishes a tax rate of 1.25%, making it in line with wagers placed in person. The committee amendment diverts the new revenue that is generated as a result of this bill's passage, to a charitable fund. The amendment also allows this charitable fund to be managed by a third-party fiscal intermediary and establishes a grant application process for organizations that are eligible to participate in charitable gaming but do not do so, for access to these funds. It also includes reporting requirements for the third-party intermediary.

SB 434-FN, establishing the extended stay housing program and exempting participating businesses from the tax on meals and rooms.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill sought to create an extended stay housing program that would allow lodging facilities to convert up to 25% of their units to rental units on a voluntary basis and to exempt those units from the meals and rooms tax. After hearing testimony from the Department of Revenue Administration, the committee determined that while the subject matter had merit, the bill as written was flawed and should be reconsidered in the future.

SB 597, relative to lucky 7 ticket dispenser devices.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill eliminates the requirement that Lucky 7 machines include the capability to print paper tickets. The committee heard testimony that since the dispensing of paper tickets became optional in 2021, no players choose that option. Furthermore, the paper requirement often results in the jamming of the ticket printers, which then renders the Lucky 7 machines inoperable until fixed. This bill removes that outdated requirement that leads to unnecessary expense and delays.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

SB 341, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 525-FN, relative to administration of the education freedom accounts program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 595-FN, relative to the rates for pole attachments.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

SB 603-FN, relative to telephone number and area code conservation.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 604-FN-A, providing a death benefit for a New Hampshire hospital security officer killed in the line of duty.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 219-FN-L, requiring mandatory reporting by school districts of school expenses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

SB 443-FN, relative to the definition of school transportation vehicle.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

SB 453-FN-A, making an appropriation to the statewide voter registration system.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 521-FN, relative to the educational credentials for master teacher.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 559-FN, relative to the definition of vaccine for purposes of the New Hampshire vaccine association.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 316-FN, establishing a penalty for a person who transports fentanyl class drugs into New Hampshire with the intent to distribute.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 414-FN, relative to establishing a mandatory minimum sentence for the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 415-FN, relative to the penalty for certain fentanyl-related offenses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 504-FN, relative to land in current use.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 563-FN, relative to federal immigration enforcement.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 427-FN, relative to establishing an alternative driver education program.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 512-FN, relative to the 10-year highway plan.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

SB 592-FN, renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Officer Bradley Haas Memorial Highway.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

SB 598-FN, requiring funeral procession lead vehicles to obey yield signs.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 472-FN, relative to historic horse racing licensing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

SB 585-FN, relative to a property lien resulting from unpaid meals and rooms taxes.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Finance

February 6, 2024

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02/06

Amendment to SB 219-FN-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Legislative Findings. The general court finds that:

I. The United States spends far more on education per student than any other nation in the world except Luxembourg. At the same time, the United States lags behind other developed nations in teacher salaries, paying its teachers 75 percent of the salary of German teachers.

II. The United States allocates a greater share of its education spending to non-teaching staff than any other country in the world—nearly double the average among developed nations of 15 percent. In New Hampshire, this problem is particularly severe. While New Hampshire's average cost-per-pupil is 94 percent of Massachusetts', our average teacher salary is 77 percent of Massachusetts'. In Massachusetts, a teacher is paid 4 times the cost of one pupil, while in New Hampshire a teacher is paid only 3.4 times the cost of one pupil.

III. The size and wealth of New Hampshire's education bureaucracy has skyrocketed. Over two decades, New Hampshire's cost-per-pupil has increased by 77 percent, adjusted for inflation, while our teacher salaries have increased by only 1 percent. In the same period, New Hampshire has increased its non-teaching staff by 80 percent while increasing the number of teachers by only 23 percent. Administrative bloat has had dire implications for teacher pay and quality. In 2021, one New Hampshire high school teacher was hired at a salary of \$37,714, less than a starting salary at a nearby Walmart. Meanwhile, New Hampshire superintendents are paid salaries of up to \$178,133, while assistant superintendents are paid salaries of up to \$136,500. At least 8 school administrative units in New Hampshire employ 2 or more assistant superintendents. Diversity professionals, now employed by both school districts and administrative units, are paid salaries of up to \$153,380.

IV. These findings demonstrate that New Hampshire's education spending is being unnecessarily, systematically, and progressively absorbed by an ever-expanding and privileged bureaucratic class. Unless this is addressed, the statewide problem and continued increases in education spending will fail to affect meaningful improvements in teacher pay and quality. The general court places the interests of students first, it hereby enacts the following rebalancing of teacher and administrator pay in New Hampshire.

2 New Subdivision; Students First Act. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 74 the following new subdivision:

Students First Act

189:75 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Cost-per-pupil" refers to the cost-per-pupil within a school district and shall mean the lowest of:

(a) The total expenditures associated with the daily operation of schools divided by the average daily membership in attendance;

(b) Any reasonable and good faith estimate of I(a); or

(c) An amount determined in good faith by the department of education to correspond to I(a).

II. "Administrator" shall include superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors or coordinators of diversity, equity, and inclusion, or functionally equivalent officials whether or not their salaries are listed by the department of education, and business managers or administrators.

III. "Corresponding school administrative unit" shall mean the school administrative unit which includes a given school district.

189:76 Mandatory Report to Voters.

I. Before any meeting at which any school district adopts a school budget, whether or not the district has adopted the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b, a mandatory report to voters must be posted in at least 3 appropriate places, 2 of which must be places of business or other public locations, and one of which shall be the local newspaper or, if a local newspaper is not available, the district's website. The report must be posted at least 24 hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the meeting.

II. The report shall display the name of the school district, be prominently titled "Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expenses," and shall contain three line graphs and one table. When posted in public locations, the report shall be displayed on two pages which are each eighteen inches wide and twenty-four inches tall.

III. The first line graph shall be titled "Average Cost Per Pupil" and shall display the district's annual cost-per-pupil over the previous 10 years. The second line graph shall be titled "Average Teacher Salary" and shall display the district's yearly average teacher salary over the previous 10 years. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or an equivalent resource. Each yearly statistic shall be clearly labeled. In each graph, the upper and lower boundaries of the y-axis must be capped at the nearest thousand dollars.

IV. The third line graph shall be titled "Administrator Salaries" and shall display annual totals of all salaries paid to administrators employed by the district and corresponding school administrative unit over the previous 10 years. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or an equivalent resource. Each yearly total shall be clearly labeled. The upper and lower boundaries of the y-axis must be capped at the nearest hundred thousand dollars.

V. The table shall be titled "Top Administrator Salaries" and shall list the titles and current salaries of the 4 highest-paid administrators employed by the district or corresponding school administrative unit. If less than 4 administrators are so employed, all administrators shall be so listed.

VI. Other than the name and logo of the district and corresponding school administrative unit, the mandatory report to voters shall not contain additional commentary or other text not described in this subdivision. Additional information may be posted on separate pages together with or alongside the mandatory report to voters.

189:77 Severability. If any provision of this subdivision or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the subdivision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subdivision are declared to be severable.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires school districts to post mandatory reports of school expenses, including average cost per pupil, average teacher salaries, and top administrator salaries.

Commerce
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Amendment to SB 328-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Acts Unlawful; Unauthorized Resellers. Amend RSA 358-A:2 by inserting after paragraph XVIII the following new paragraph:

XIX.(a) In this paragraph:

(1) “Resale” means the second or subsequent sale of a ticket. “Resale” includes a sale by any means, including in person, by telephone, by mail, by e-mail, by facsimile, or through a website or other electronic means.

(2) “Reseller” means a person engaged in the resale of tickets.

(3) “Secondary ticket exchange” means an electronic marketplace that enables consumers to sell, purchase, and resell tickets.

(4) “Speculative ticket” means a ticket that is not in the actual or constructive possession of a reseller at the time of sale. “Speculative ticket” includes a ticket sold by a reseller that, at the time of resale:

(A) Is not in the physical possession of the reseller;

(B) Is not owned by the reseller; or

(C) Is not under contract to be transferred to the reseller.

(5) “Ticket” means physical, electronic, or other evidence, that grants the possessor of the evidence license to enter a place of entertainment for one or more events at a specified date and time.

(6) “Ticket Issuer” means a person that, directly or indirectly, issues initial tickets for an entertainment event. “Ticket issuer” includes a musician or musical group, an operator of a venue, a sponsor or a promoter of an entertainment event, a sports team participating in an entertainment event, a sports league whose teams are participating in an entertainment event, a theater company, a marketplace operated for consumers to make an initial purchase of tickets, or an agent of any of the persons listed in this subparagraph.

(b) This paragraph applies only to secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers. The listing for a ticket and each step of a transaction to purchase a ticket shall:

(1) Clearly and conspicuously disclose the total price of the ticket, including all fees and taxes;

(2) Provide an itemized listing of all charges that comprise the total price of the ticket, including all fees and taxes; and

(3) Identify the seat number and zone or section of the ticket, to the extent applicable to the seat and venue.

(c) A reseller shall provide the ticket issuer with the contact information of the resale ticket purchaser to enable the ticket issuer to notify the resale ticket purchaser of any change in the event circumstances, such as an event cancellation or rescheduling.

(d) This paragraph shall not apply to a fee that a secondary ticket exchange may charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket. Except as provided in this paragraph, the total price at which a reseller may sell or offer to sell a ticket shall not exceed the total price of the initial ticket, including all fees and taxes in connection with the initial ticket. If initial tickets were purchased for a series of events, such as season tickets for a sports team, the total resale price of a ticket for a single event shall not exceed the total price of a comparable ticket, including all fees and taxes. The fee that a secondary ticket exchange may charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket shall not exceed 10 percent of the total price of the initial ticket. Subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by a ticket issuer, a person shall not prohibit or restrict the transfer or resale of a ticket that was made available to the general public for purchase.

(e) A reseller shall not sell or offer to sell speculative tickets

(f) A secondary ticket exchange shall not provide a marketplace for the resale of a ticket that violates this section.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

2024-0792s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill regulates secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers and prohibits speculative ticket sales.

Senate Education
February 20, 2024
2024-0786s
02/05

Amendment to SB 341

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Honesty and Transparency in Education Act.

2 New Section; Communications Between Teachers and Parents. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 13-c the following new section:

189:13-d Communications Between Teachers and Parents.

I. Educators credentialed by the New Hampshire department of education shall have a duty to respond to written inquiries by parents regarding material information relating to their child enrolled in that educator's school. Such response to a written request shall be sent within 10 business days of its receipt and be answered completely and honestly to the extent permitted by state or federal law.

II. If, in the good faith determination of the credential holder, such complete and honest response to a request would put the student at imminent risk of physical harm, abuse, or neglect, such credential holder shall file a report with the department of health and human services within 48 hours of such determination in accordance with RSA 169-C:30, and may withhold only the information that creates the risk.

III. On or before June 30, 2025, the state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, amending the code of ethics and the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators relative to this section.

IV. Violation of this section shall be considered a violation of the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators and subject to investigation, in accordance with administrative rules, against that credential holder.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Senate Judiciary
February 21, 2024
2024-0814s
09/05

Amendment to SB 362-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission; Report Required; Issues Raised by Copying, Distribution, or Use of Body-Worn Camera Images.

The law enforcement accreditation commission (LEAC) shall submit a report to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the house clerk, and the senate clerk by November 1, 2024, identifying issues raised by copying, distribution, or use of body-worn camera images, including but not limited to, disclosing sources and methods of investigations; privacy of suspects, law enforcement officers, and civilians; constitutional obligations to release information to defendants under *Brady v. Maryland*; and the right of the public to access such images pursuant to part 1, article 8 of the New Hampshire constitution and RSA 91-A, the New Hampshire right-to-know law.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-0814s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the New Hampshire law enforcement accreditation commission to issue a report concerning the issues implicated by copying, distribution, or use of body worn camera images in certain proceedings.

Health and Human Services

February 21, 2024

2024-0825s

11/06

Amendment to SB 402

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to allowing pharmacists to administer influenza, COVID-19, and other FDA licensed vaccines without explicit approval from the general court.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 318:16-b to read as follows:

A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, licensed advanced pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician, under the supervision of an on-site immunizing pharmacist may administer influenza and a COVID-19 vaccine, if available, to the general public, ~~[A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or licensed advanced pharmacy technician, under the supervision of an on-site immunizing pharmacist may administer haemophilus influenza; hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis A and B, human papillomavirus, meningococcal, pneumococcal, tetanus and diphtheria, varicella, zoster, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella); and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccines, which have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration]~~ **and vaccines licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or successor organization**, to individuals 18 years of age or older as ordered by an immunizing pharmacist. The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, licensed advanced pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician shall:

2024-0825s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows pharmacists to administer influenza, COVID-19, and other FDA licensed vaccines without explicit approval from the general court.

Health and Human Services

February 21, 2024

2024-0830s

06/05

Amendment to SB 408

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

Senate Judiciary
February 21, 2024
2024-0817s
09/10

Amendment to SB 419-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the annual data report on the therapeutic use of cannabis program.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 1 and 2 and renumbering the original sections 3 and 4 to read as 1 and 2, respectively.

2024-0817s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires additional information in the annual report on the therapeutic use of cannabis program from the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

Senate Judiciary
February 21, 2024
2024-0819s
09/06

Amendment to SB 420

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Prospective Repeal. 2023, 78, relative to establishing a committee to study the long-term impact of the New Hampshire adult parole system, is repealed.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-0819s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires an additional report from the legislative study committee concerning the long-term impact of the New Hampshire adult parole system, and provides for the study committee's repeal.

Senate Ways and Means
February 21, 2024
2024-0835s
02/08

Amendment to SB 432-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to advanced deposit account wagering and establishing a charitable third party financial intermediary program.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Sections; Pari-Mutuel Pools, and Distribution of Tax Theron; Advanced Deposit Account Wagering.
Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 22-b the following new sections:

284:22-c Charitable Third Party Financial Intermediary; Defined.

In this chapter:

I. "Charitable third party financial intermediary" means a charitable organization incorporated or qualified to do business in this state that:

- (a) Is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (b) Complies with applicable state and federal antidiscrimination and privacy laws;
- (c) Is registered with the director of charitable trusts; and

(d) Has been approved by the commission for the purpose of issuing charitable grants as provided in this chapter.

II. "Charitable third party financial intermediary application" means a document developed by the commission and submitted by a charitable third party financial intermediary that contains at a minimum:

(a) The charitable third party financial intermediary's name, address, and federal taxpayer identification number.

(b) A contact person's name, title, and phone number.

(c) A signed statement that the charitable third party financial intermediary has met the eligibility requirements of paragraph I, and will comply with the provisions of this chapter.

III. "Charitable third party financial intermediary report" means a document developed by the commission and submitted by a charitable third party financial intermediary to the commission that shall be a public record, notwithstanding RSA 21-J:14, and contains at a minimum:

(a) The number of charitable grants granted under RSA 284:23, and RSA 284:22-d.

(b) The total dollar amount of all charitable grants granted.

(c) The total dollar amount of donations spent on administrative expenses pursuant to RSA 284:22-e, I(f).

(d) The total dollar amount to be carried forward pursuant to RSA 284:22-e, I(g).

(e) The total dollar amount of donations used and not used for charitable grants.

(f) The number of charitable grants granted.

(g) The number of charitable grants distributed by the organization, per charitable gaming facility, and the dollar range of those charitable grants.

(h) An analysis, broken down by zip code, of the place of incorporation for each charitable organization receiving charitable grants under this program.

(i) A signed statement that the charitable third party financial intermediary acknowledges compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

IV. "Commission" means the lottery commission.

284:22-d Advanced Deposit Account Wagering.

I. Advance deposit wagering is authorized for pari-mutuel betting on horse racing under this chapter if conducted in compliance with this section and the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, United States Code, Title 15, section 3001 et seq.

II. It is unlawful for any person or entity to accept an advance deposit wager from a New Hampshire resident unless the person or entity is a licensed advance deposit wagering provider in the state of New Hampshire.

III. Before accepting an advance deposit wager from a New Hampshire resident, a licensed advance deposit wagering provider shall demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility in a format prescribed by the commission through a surety bond executed and issued by an insurer authorized to issue surety bonds in this state, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee in an amount to be determined by the commission. The commission may also accept, as evidence of financial responsibility, a surety bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee in accordance with this subdivision filed with one or more states where the applicant is licensed as an advance deposit wagering provider. The commission may ask for additional evidence of financial responsibility at any time the commission deems necessary. Any surety bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee issued under this subdivision shall be in favor of this state and shall specifically authorize recovery by the commission for the payment of all revenues required by this chapter.

IV. The commission shall not license or authorize a person or entity to conduct advance deposit wagering under this section unless the person or entity has submitted, and the commission approved, a plan of operation for advance deposit wagering. At a minimum, the plan of operation shall provide for:

- (a) Methods of resolving disputes with account holders;
- (b) Procedures to protect the security of account holders' accounts and information;
- (c) Methods to verify the identity of account holders and ensure that all account holders are natural persons who are at least 18 years of age;
- (d) Procedures to ensure that wagers are only accepted from account holders who have sufficient funds on deposit and that no credit is extended by the person to an account holder;
- (e) Procedures for keeping accurate records of all contests, wagers, and payouts;
- (f) Annually contracting with an independent third-party to conduct a financial audit and submit the results of the audit to the commission. If the licensed advanced deposit wagering provider is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly traded company, submission of audited financial statements of the publicly-traded parent company contained in a public filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission shall satisfy this requirement;
- (g) Annually contracting with an independent third-party cyber security audit and submit the results of the audit to the commission; and
- (h) Other requirements established by the commission in rules adopted under RSA 541-A.

V. The plan of operation may only be amended with the approval of the commission. The commission may withdraw approval of a plan of operation for cause.

VI. Advanced deposit wagers shall be subject to a revenue sharing plan. Licensees shall provide the commission payment in the amount of 1.25 percent of all wagers accepted in a manner prescribed by the commission. The revenues received by the commission pursuant to this section, less the administrative costs of the commission, shall be deposited with a charitable third party financial intermediary, as defined in 284:22-c, I.

VII. Persons or entities that offered advanced deposit wagering services as of July 1, 2022 may request permission from the commission to continue offering these services during the pendency of the licensing process. Any such person or entity shall make the request to continue offering services in writing detailing how the person or entity will meet the protections set forth in this section during the interim period before licensure. The commission may grant such request for unlicensed operation for a period not to exceed 6 months where the requestor has adequately documented acceptable financial responsibility and patron protection standards. In no event shall this permission extend past January 1, 2025.

VIII. The provisions of this section shall not apply to entities licensed under RSA 284:22-a who offer account wagering under the provisions of PariPool 525.

284:22-e Charitable Third Party Financial Intermediary; Requirements, Selection, and Reporting.

I. A charitable third party financial intermediary shall:

- (a) Provide charitable grants from eligible contributions to charitable organizations, as defined in 287-D:1, IV, who are not participating in charitable gaming.
- (b) Not restrict or reserve charitable grants for a specific charitable organization.
- (c) Verify a charitable organization's eligibility to apply for and receive charitable grants under this chapter.
- (d) Not have an owner or operator who also owns or operates a charitable organization that participates in the charitable grant program under this chapter.
- (e) Not have an owner or operator who in the last 7 years has filed for personal bankruptcy or corporate bankruptcy in a business organization or business enterprise of which he or she owned more than 20 percent.
- (f) Not use more than 10 percent of eligible contributions used during the program year in which the contributions are collected for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses shall be reasonable and necessary for the organization's management and distribution of eligible contributions pursuant to this chapter.
- (g) In the first program year, there shall be no carry forward of unused eligible contributions. In each program year thereafter, contributions may be carried forward to the following program year.

(h) Maintain separate accounts for charitable funds and operating funds.

(i) Not award a charitable grant to any lineal descendent or equivalent step-person of any officer, director, or employee of any charitable third party financial intermediary; and

(j) Limit and condition charitable grants so that they are dispersed equitably throughout the state.

II. An organization seeking approval as a charitable third party financial intermediary under this chapter shall submit an application to the commission each fiscal year no later than September 1. The commission shall approve or deny the application within 30 days of receipt of the application. The commission shall deny any application that fails to meet the statutory requirements and shall notify the charitable third party financial intermediary of the reasons for denial.

III. On or before September 1 each year, each charitable third party financial intermediary shall submit a charitable third party financial intermediary report to the commission for the most recently completed fiscal year. The charitable third party financial intermediary shall also include a charitable third party financial intermediary application if it intends to issue charitable grants under this chapter in the next fiscal year. The commission shall review the charitable third party financial intermediary report to ensure the grants meets the requirements of this chapter. If any of these requirements are not met, the commission may deny a charitable third party financial intermediary's application for subsequent fiscal years and shall notify the charitable third party financial intermediary of the reasons for denial.

IV. The commission shall develop rules under RSA 541-A in order to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

2 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 284:12, IV to read as follows:

IV. The sale of pari-mutuel pools as authorized under RSA 284:22, RSA 284:22-a, [~~and~~] RSA 284:22-b, **and RSA 284:22-d.**

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

2024-0835s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows advanced deposit wagering on pari-mutuel betting on horse racing and authorizes the lottery commission to adopt rules governing the license and regulation of such wagers.

This bill also establishes a charitable third party financial intermediary program.

Senate Finance
February 20, 2024
2024-0795s
08/05

Amendment to SB 453-FN-A

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Appropriation; Department of State; Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). The sum of \$450,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of state for the purpose of incorporating additional capabilities into the SVRS such as an election information portal, and maintaining the system. Such funds shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Health and Human Services
February 21, 2024
2024-0831s
05/08

Amendment to SB 455-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices. The commissioner of department of health and human services shall take all available measures to increase the reimbursement rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices under Medicaid so that it is equal to 90 percent of the reimbursement rate under Medicare. On or before November 1, 2024, the commissioner shall provide a report of such actions to the oversight committee on health and human services, established in RSA 126-A:13. The report shall include the current reimbursement rates for prosthetic and orthotic devices under each program and address any remaining disparity.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the sum necessary to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices equal to 90 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2024-0831s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to establish a reimbursement rate for prosthetic and orthotic devices under Medicaid that is equal to 90 percent of the rate under Medicare and makes an appropriation to the department for this purpose. The bill also directs the legislative oversight committee on health and human services to study the issue.

Health and Human Services

February 21, 2024

2024-0826s

02/06

Amendment to SB 456-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the state loan repayment program for qualified nursing professionals, and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Appropriation. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the sum of \$300,000 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, state office of rural health, established under RSA 126-A:5, XVIII, for deposit into the state loan repayment program, established pursuant to RSA 6:12, I(b)(330). These dedicated, non-lapsing funds shall be limited to qualified nursing professionals licensed under RSA 326-B, the nurse practice act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Reporting. The department of health and human services shall provide a report to the president of the senate the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over health and human services, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library. This report shall contain a budget proposal for a student loan forgiveness program that would cover nurses who do not qualify for the state loan repayment program, and shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2024.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-0826s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services, state office of rural health, for the state loan repayment program to qualified nursing professionals, and directs the department of health and human services to provide a report to the legislature on a budget proposal for a student loan forgiveness program that would cover nurses who do not qualify for the state loan repayment program.

Health and Human Services
 February 21, 2024
 2024-0828s
 09/05

Amendment to SB 458

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Pharmacists and Pharmacies; Regulation of Pharmacies; Dealing In or Possessing Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 318:42 by inserting after paragraph VII-b the following new paragraph:

VII-c. The dispensing of up to a 60-day supply of noncontrolled oral anti-cancer medication by a licensed health care professional legally authorized to administer medications to a patient under a provider's care or supervision.

2024-0828s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds to the list of exceptions to the prohibition for dealing in or possessing prescription drugs the dispensing of up to a 60-day supply of noncontrolled oral anti-cancer medication by a licensed health care professional legally authorized to administer medications to a patient under a provider's care or supervision.

Senate Judiciary
 February 21, 2024
 2024-0821s
 11/06

Amendment to SB 460-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Unlawful Operation or Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 644:22 the following new section:

644:23 Unlawful Operation or Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft.

I. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if such person operates a small UAS that interferes with law enforcement, firefighting, or other emergency response operations or violates any provisions of RSA 644:9.

II. A person is guilty of:

(a) A class A misdemeanor if such person negligently operates a small UAS in a manner so as to interfere with or disrupt the flight of a human-occupied aircraft, or otherwise impede the normal course of operations of any international, regional, municipal, or general aviation airport.

(b) A class B felony if such operation results in damage to a human-occupied aircraft in flight.

(c) A class A felony if such operation causes said aircraft to crash and such crash results in death or serious bodily injury.

III. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if such a person operates a small UAS in FAA-restricted airspace over the property of a federal or state correctional, penal, or detention facility, and a class B felony if such operation is done with the purpose of delivering contraband into the facility or to aid in the escape of a prisoner.

IV. A person is guilty of a class B felony if such person is knowingly in possession of or operates a small UAS equipped with a device capable of causing serious bodily injury, death, or property damage or is otherwise capable of firing or releasing a projectile. Federal, state, and municipal public safety bomb squad personnel are exempted from this provision for the limited purpose of use of a small UAS for the disposal of explosives, bombs, and hazardous devices. Law enforcement's use of a small UAS to deploy distraction or disorientation devices is exempt from this provision.

VI. This provision shall not apply to any law enforcement officer pursuant to their lawful authority.

Senate Ways and Means
 February 21, 2024
 2024-0824s
 02/06

Amendment to SB 472-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to historic horse racing licensing, establishing operations of games of chance for the benefit of the host community, and relative to charitable gaming dates for municipalities and charitable organizations.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original sections 5-7 to read as 7-9, respectively:

5 New Section; Games of Chance for the Benefit of the Host Community. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 4 the following new section:

287-D:4-a Games of Chance for the Benefit of the Host Community.

I. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, game operator employers licensed under RSA 287-D:4 are required to annually operate a minimum of 7 but not more than 10 game dates for the benefit of the town or city where the game operator employer is located.

II. The host town or city shall receive revenue at the same rate as a licensed charity during the designated dates under paragraph I, and shall not be liable for rent or any other fees to be paid to the game operator employer.

III. The game dates benefiting the host municipality shall be in place of a charity game date, however, this shall not prevent the game operator employer from hosting a charity on the same game dates when 2 charities would normally operate.

IV. For the purposes of the game operator employer's requirements under RSA 287-D:4, operating on behalf of the host town or city shall be considered to be the same as hosting a licensed charity.

V. The lottery commission shall adopt rules under RSA 287-D:3 relating to the operation of game dates on behalf of the host town or city.

6 New Paragraph; Operation of Games of Chance; Game Dates. Amend RSA 287-D:14 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

XXII.(a) A facilities licensee shall not award any game dates to a municipality if licensed charitable organizations are available and wish to utilize the gaming facility on those dates. This subparagraph shall not apply if the facility licensee institutes a policy forbidding the facility from hosting a specific charity or specific type of charity due to prior conflicts with charity management or employees.

(b) Any single facilities licensee shall not award the host municipality more than 10 days per calendar year.

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 Historic Horse Racing; Effective Date. Amend RSA 2021, 66:11, I to read as follows:

I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect July 1, [2024] **2031**.

2024-0824s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

I. This bill eliminates rules related to the sale of pari-mutuel pools, changes licensing requirements, prohibits the sale or transfer of licenses, and extends the moratorium on the issuance of new licenses.

II. This bill establishes provisions for the operation of games of chance for the benefit of the host community.

III. This bill requires licensed gaming facilities to give game dates available to charitable organizations before giving game dates to municipalities.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 February 21, 2024
 2024-0823s
 11/08

Amendment to SB 485-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT enumerating the office of professional licensure and certification's processes and procedures for temporary occupational licensure for military service members and their spouses.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Military Service Members and Spousal Temporary Licensure. Amend RSA 310:16 to read as follows:

310:16 Military Service Members and Spousal Temporary Licensure.

I. The office of professional licensure and certification shall issue temporary licenses to a member of the armed forces or their spouse, if the applicant holds a current, valid unencumbered occupational or professional license in good standing issued by a state or territory of the United States, in accordance with rules adopted by executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification under RSA 541-A, provided that the applicant meets the requirements of this section, within 30 days of having received an application or, if the applicant is subject to a criminal records check, within 14 days of having received the results of a criminal records check. The rules shall contain the following provisions:

[I-] **(a)** The applicant shall obtain a temporary license for a period of not less than 180 days while completing any requirements for licensure in New Hampshire so long as no cause for denial of a license exists under this title, or under any other law.

[II-] **(b)** The license applicant must submit a notarized affidavit affirming, under penalty of law, that the applicant is the person described and identified in the application, that all statements made on the application are true and correct and complete, that the applicant has read and understands the requirements for licensure and certifies that they meet those requirements, and that the applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has held a license.

[III-] **(c)** The applicant may request a one-time 180-day extension of the temporary license if necessary to complete the New Hampshire licensing requirements. The applicant must make this request within 15 days prior to the temporary license's expiration date.

[IV-] **(d)** All individuals licensed under this section shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the state licensing body for that profession.

II. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of professional licensure and certification shall facilitate the issuance of a license or certification for a person: (a) who is certified or licensed in a state other than New Hampshire; (b) whose spouse is a member of the armed forces in the United States; (c) whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to New Hampshire; and (d) who left employment to accompany a spouse to New Hampshire. The procedure shall include, but not be limited to, facilitating the issuance of a license, digitally verifiable license, certificate, or registration if the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of such other state are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration in New Hampshire, as determined by the executive director in consultation with the boards, councils, and commissions.

III. The executive director shall, in consultation with the boards, councils, and commissions, adopt rules, when applicable, when applicable, under RSA 541-A for:

(a) What constitutes military education, training, or service acceptable for the specific regulated occupation or profession, as required under paragraph I.

(b) The procedures and notice required for the inactive status of licenses, certificates, or registrations under paragraph II.

(c) Procedures for facilitating issuance of licenses, certificates, or registrations for a spouse of a member of the armed forces as required in paragraph II.

(d) Procedures for issuing digitally verifiable licenses, certificates, or permits that can be recognized by other states as required in paragraph II.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2024-0823s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enumerates the office of professional licensure and certification's processes and procedures, including issuance of a digitally verifiable license, certificate, or registration for temporary occupational licensure for military service members and their spouses.

Health and Human Services

February 21, 2024

2024-0833s

05/08

Amendment to SB 496-FN

Amend RSA 126-A:87-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. Implementation of the climate and health protection program shall be contingent on the availability of sufficient funding from non-state sources. No general funds shall be appropriated to the department for administration of the program. The department shall seek and apply for any appropriate grants and federal funds available to administer the program. The department may seek and accept donations or other monies that are not general funds.

Senate Judiciary

February 21, 2024

2024-0811s

05/06

Amendment to SB 504-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Current Use Taxation; Powers and Duties of Board. Amend RSA 79-A:4, II to read as follows:

II. The board shall reduce by 20 percent the current use value of land which is open 12 months a year to public recreational use, without entrance fee, and which also qualifies for current use assessment under an open space category. There shall be no prohibition of skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, hunting, hiking or nature observation on such open space land, unless these activities would be detrimental to a specific agricultural or forest crop or activity. ***An owner of open space land may post “no trespass except for skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, hunting, hiking, or nature observation” signs that prohibit or restrict the access to or use of such open space land for any other purpose.*** The owner of land who opens his ***or her*** land to public recreational use as provided in this paragraph shall not be liable for personal injury or property damage to any person, and shall be subject to the same duty of care as provided in RSA 212:34.

2 New Subparagraphs; Criminal Trespass. Amend RSA 635:2, III(b)(3) and (4) to read as follows:

(3) In any place in defiance of any court order restraining him from entering such place so long as he has been properly notified of such order; [or]

(4) On any grounds, lands, or parking areas of any state correctional facility or transitional housing unit operated by the department of corrections without prior authorization or without a legitimate purpose associated with department of corrections operations[-];

(5) On open space land in violation of a posted “no trespass except for skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, hunting, hiking, or nature observation” sign authorized pursuant to RSA 79-A:4, II; or

(6) On the property of another during the commission of any crime under RSA 318-B or RSA 633:7.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Senate Finance
February 20, 2024
2024-0799s
02/05

Amendment to SB 521-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Department of Education; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(s)(4) to read as follows:

(4) The establishment of educator certification fees for granting licenses to educational personnel, including teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, educational specialists, instructional specialists, school bus drivers and transportation monitors, and master teachers as authorized by RSA 186:8 and RSA 186:11, X, ***provided that fees for granting of licenses to master teachers shall be no more than \$100 for initial licensure and no more than \$25 for annual renewal thereafter***, professional licenses including beginning educator licenses, experienced educator licenses, and intern authorizations, and other classifications of educators, administrators, specialists, and paraprofessionals necessary to address educational needs as determined by the state board upon the recommendation of the professional standards board pursuant to RSA 186:60.

Health and Human Services
February 21, 2024
2024-0832s
05/02

Amendment to SB 555-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Pharmacy Benefits Manager Reporting. Amend RSA 402-N:6, I to read as follows:

I. Each pharmacy benefits manager shall submit an annual ***or quarterly*** report to the commissioner containing a list of health benefit plans it administered[;] and the ~~[aggregate amount of all]~~ rebates it collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers that were attributable to patient utilization in the state of New Hampshire during the prior calendar year. ***This paragraph shall not apply to Medicaid, the Medicaid Care Management Program, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program administered by the department of health and human services, or self-funded plans such as the state employee health benefit plan. The report submitted to the commissioner shall include the following information:***

- (a) ***The aggregate number of rebates and total value received by the pharmacy benefit manager;***
- (b) ***The aggregate number of rebates and total value distributed to the appropriate health care insurer;***
- (c) ***The aggregate number of rebates and total value passed on to an insured of each health care insurer at the point of sale that reduced the insured's applicable deductible, copayment, co-insurance, or other cost-sharing amount;***
- (d) ***The individual and aggregate amount paid by the health care insurer to the pharmacy benefit manager for pharmacist services itemized by pharmacy, by product (at the unique NDC level), and by goods and services; and***
- (e) ***The individual and aggregate amount a pharmacy benefit manager paid for pharmacist services itemized by pharmacy, by product, and by goods and services.***

2 Pharmaceutical Rebates. Amend RSA 415-A:7, II-IV to read as follows:

II. All rebates remitted by or on behalf of a pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, or labeler, directly or indirectly, to an insurer, or to a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with an insurer, related to its prescription drug benefits shall be remitted in ~~[one or both of]~~ the following ways:

- (a) ***At least 50 percent of all rebates shall be*** remitted directly to the covered person at the point of sale to reduce the out-of-pocket cost to the covered person associated with a particular ***or specific*** prescription drug;

(b) Remitted to, and retained by, the insurer. ***The remainder of the*** rebates remitted to the insurer shall be applied by the insurer in its plan design and in future plan years to offset the premium for covered persons.

III. Beginning [~~November 1, 2020~~] ***March 1, 2025*** and annually thereafter, an insurer shall file with the commissioner a report in the manner and form determined by the commissioner demonstrating the manner in which the insurer ***and/or its contracted entity for pharmacy benefit services*** has complied with this section. ***The report shall include at least the following:***

(a) An actuarial certification attesting:

(1) All discounts and rebates received by health insurers were used to reduce costs for policyholders in compliance with paragraph II .

(2) How rebates were remitted in the individual, small, and large group market.

(3) If applied pursuant to subparagraph II(b), an explanation of how remittance was applied to both plan design, based on estimated rebates, and in future plan years to offset premium.

(4) A description of the methodology employed to calculate the estimated rebate amount, for the purpose of applying to plan design.

(b) Methodology for determining estimated rebate amount:

(1) Insurers shall employ actuarial and analytical methodologies to estimate the total rebate amount expected to be received from drug manufacturers over a defined period.

(2) The determination of the estimated rebate amount shall account for factors such as historical rebate data, anticipated changes in drug utilization, formulary modifications, and other pertinent variables.

(3) The calculated estimated rebate amount shall adhere to generally accepted actuarial principles and industry best practices to ensure precision and dependability.

(4) The calculation shall be documented and made available for review by the insurance commissioner, upon request.

III-a. This section shall not apply to Medicaid, the Medicaid Care Management Program, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program administered by the department of health and human services, or self-funded plans such as the state employee health benefit plan.

IV. Any insurer that violates any provision of this section may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be subject to subparagraph (a) or (b), or both:

(a) Its certificate of authority may be indefinitely suspended or revoked.

(b) A civil fine not to exceed [~~\$2,500~~] ***\$10,000*** may be imposed for each violation. Repeated violations of the same provision shall constitute separate civil offenses.

3 Repeal. 2020; 15:2, relative to the prospective repeal of RSA 415-A:7, is repealed.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2024.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Health and Human Services

February 21, 2024

2024-0834s

05/11

Amendment to SB 560

Amend subparagraphs I(b) and (c) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

(b) The purported savings PBMs tout to consumers, insurers, and New Hampshire Medicaid.

(c) PBMs use of clawbacks and the impact on consumer costs and rebates.

Energy and Natural Resources
 February 20, 2024
 2024-0787s
 06/02

Amendment to SB 595-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; General Regulations; Pole Attachment Formula. Amend RSA 374:34-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX.(a) The commission shall use a pole attachment formula developed by the department rather than a multi-part test when either reviewing or setting rates for pole attachments or both reviewing and setting rates for pole attachments.

(1) The formula shall be developed by the department in a non-adjudicative proceeding within 18 months of the effective date of this section, the costs of which may be assessed to pole owners pursuant to RSA 365:37, II.

(2) The formula shall be based on a historic or original cost methodology that relies on data derived from FERC Form 1 or Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) reports or other information made publicly available by public utilities.

(3) The department shall give deference to the Federal Communications Commission formulae in 47 C.F.R. section 1.1406(d) and the requirements in section 1.1404(f) and section 1.1406(e) but may consider any formulae in existing stakeholder agreements in developing the formula.

(4) The department shall ensure the formula does not discriminate among or against any one attaching entity, including the utility; that it adequately compensates the utility for the portion of its costs of owning, maintaining, and operating poles arising from a pole attachment; and that the resulting rates will be just and reasonable.

(5) The formula shall exclude from actual capital and non-capital costs reimbursements from attaching entities for non-recurring costs.

(6) Within 30 days following the close of the department's non-adjudicative proceeding, the commission shall conduct formal rulemaking to incorporate the formula developed by the department into its rules, to adopt rules for accelerated dispute resolution, and to make any other necessary changes to its rules regarding attachment disputes.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or order to the contrary, the department shall have the authority necessary to implement this section, including but not limited to the authority to require public utilities to maintain the records necessary to track substantial assets and investment in an accurate auditable manner that enables accurate calculation of pole attachment rates in accordance with the formula; the authority to require public utilities to report such property information to the department; and, the authority to ensure that attaching entities have timely access to ARMIS, FERC Form 1 and similar publicly available information.

Energy and Natural Resources
 February 20, 2024
 2024-0791s
 06/08

Amendment to SB 603-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Public Utilities; Telephone Number Conservation and Area Code Implementation Policy Principles. RSA 374:59 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

374:59 Telephone Number Conservation and Area Code Implementation Policy Principles.

I. In this section:

(a) "Commission" means the public utilities commission.

(b) "Department" means the department of energy.

(c) “North American Numbering Plan Administrator” (NANPA) means a North American organization responsible for neutrally administering numbering resources in a New Hampshire numbering plan area as defined in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 52.13.

(d) “Service Provider” refers to a telecommunications carrier or other entity that receives numbering resources from the NANPA, a pooling administrator or another service provider for the purpose of providing or enabling a communications service. For purposes of this section, the term “service provider” includes an interconnected VoIP service provider.

II. The department should promote and adopt telephone number conservation measures to the maximum extent allowed by federal law for area code 603 and any subsequently assigned New Hampshire area codes, including, but not limited to, exercising authority on the reclamation of telephone numbering resources and ensuring that all service providers are in compliance with the FCC’s regulations on thousands-block number pooling and ordering rate center consolidation that it determines necessary after review and investigation of the appropriateness of such consolidation.

III. The department may exercise any authority provided to the states by 47 C.F.R., Part 52 to maximize numbering resources. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or order to the contrary, and in particular RSA 362:6 and RSA 362:7, II, all service providers, including but not limited to, cellular mobile radio service providers, paging service providers, voice over Internet protocol service providers, and IP-enabled service providers shall be subject to the department’s authority with respect to telephone numbering resources. The department may specially assess these providers for the costs of investigations and other proceedings pursuant to RSA 365:37, II regardless of their participation in any proceeding. Service providers shall be subject to penalties imposed by the department or commission for failure to pay a special assessment or for failure to comply with any rule or order.

IV. The department may adopt rules or orders to implement the requirements of this section.

V. A provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service as defined in 47 C.F.R., Section 9.3 shall register with the department prior to requesting numbering resources in the state. The registration must include:

(a) Contact information for a representative of the voice over Internet protocol service responsible for regulatory and numbering matters, and when there is any change in the contact information required under this subparagraph, a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service shall update its registration information; and

(b) An acknowledgment that the provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service must file a notice with the commission at least 30 days before requesting numbers from the NANPA or its successor.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HEARINGS

All Standing Committee hearings will be live streamed on the NH Senate’s YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Chandley

10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Gendreau (VC), Sen. Lang, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Fenton

9:00 a.m. **HB 155**, relative to the higher education commission.9:30 a.m. **HB 637-FN**, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in attendance and average daily membership in residence for certain home educated pupils.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Perkins Kwoka

9:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**9:30 a.m. **HB 115**, relative to changing the date of the state primary election.9:40 a.m. **HB 476**, enabling the secretary of state to conduct a second recount after an election.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avarad (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Watters, Sen. Altschiller

9:00 a.m. **SB 589-L**, relative to wastewater surcharges.9:15 a.m. **SB 301**, relative to establishing a committee to study the possibility of placing a desalination plant on the seacoast.9:30 a.m. **SB 386**, relative to establishing a committee to study power generation, transmission, distribution, and storage.9:45 a.m. **SB 543**, establishing the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation council.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald

1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Gannon (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Chandley

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****TRANSPORTATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. Watters (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Fenton

1:00 p.m. **HB 370-FN**, relative to after market window tinting on motor vehicles for drivers with medical conditions.1:15 p.m. **HB 1122-FN**, relative to lights on motor vehicles.1:30 p.m. **HB 1138-FN**, equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended.1:45 p.m. **HB 1045**, relative to requiring a powerboat operator to wear an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) while operating certain powerboats traveling over headway speed.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024*****EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. Carson (VC), Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Altschiller

9:00 a.m. **HB 274**, relative to the administrative rulemaking process.9:15 a.m. **HB 1057**, relative to provisional licenses for new applicants for state emergency medical services licensure.

9:30 a.m. **HB 1233**, relative to animal chiropractors.
 9:45 a.m. **HB 1309**, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills.
 10:00 a.m. **HB 1627**, relative to recodifying certain laws concerning railroads, transportation, and telecommunications.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Avarð (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Prentiss

9:00 a.m. **HB 322**, relative to establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire board of medicine.

9:15 a.m. **HB 1088**, enabling schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
 Room 207, SH
 107 North Main Street
 Concord, NH 03301

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m. NRRA Offices Regular Meeting
 2101 Dover Road
 Epsom, NH
 Remote attendance option:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m. NH Veterans Home Regular Meeting
 Town Hall
 139 Winter Street
 Tilton, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2)

9:30 a.m. Brown Building Auditorium Regular Meeting
 129 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Via Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87193477508?pwd=a2JKQVlSeTBwQjduKzVueTJNLT2pJZz09>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

9:00 a.m.

NH DES Rooms 112-113
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Subcommittee Work
Session Meeting - Finance

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

9:00 a.m.

NH DES Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Subcommittee Work Session
Meeting - Source Water Protection

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m.

25 Hall Street
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF RECENT CHANGES MADE TO CHARITABLE GAMING LAWS, INCLUDING THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED HISTORICAL HORSE RACES (RSA 284:6-c)

10:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

11:00 a.m.

Room 212, LOB

Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;

https://youtube.com/live/hfCU5ybP_fE?feature=share

COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFSHORE WIND AND PORT DEVELOPMENT (RSA 374-F:10)

4:30 p.m.

NH DES Pease Office, Suite 175
222 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.

Edward Cross Training Center Facility
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

12:30 p.m.

25 Hall Street
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH 03301

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)

3:00 p.m. Merrimack Town Hall Public Hearing Meeting
6 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, NH
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>
Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803
Passcode: 669915

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting
The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/VyEsob9TTTo8?feature=share>

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH
Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

2:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH 03301

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:00 p.m. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources Regular Meeting
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Center Facility Regular Meeting
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
<https://youtube.com/live/FI00XtOvotw?feature=share>

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/-mRpei3S3no?feature=share>

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m. NH Fish and Game Regular Meeting
 11 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)

1:00 p.m. 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
 Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212
 Passcode: 392939

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUt09>

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m. National Guard Edward Regular Meeting
 Cross Training Center
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2023 - 2024 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 75, 80, 97, 106, 112, 128, 133, 134, 137, 151, 156, 173, 176, 177, 178, 180, 191, 210, 218, 229, 235, 239, 248, 249, 252, 255, 259, 263, 267, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 315, 317, 319, 320, 326, 329, 330, 335, 337, 342, 345, 347, 350, 351, 355, 361, 363, 364, 368, 369, 377, 383, 384, 387, 388, 393, 397, 399, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 409, 410, 412, 413, 417, 419, 427, 436, 438, 439, 442, 443, 445, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 459, 463, 465, 466, 467, 470, 473, 478, 480, 484, 485, 486, 487, 489, 493, 495, 497, 498, 499, 500, 511, 514, 518, 520, 522, 523, 525, 534, 536, 545, 549, 550, 554, 555, 556, 558, 559, 561, 562, 563, 567, 569, 575, 578, 579, 580, 583, 584, 588, 590, 592, 595, 603

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2024 BILLS:

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HOUSE BILLS: 68, 154, 397

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 135, 154, 261, 596

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NOTICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Public Work Session

Senator James Gray and Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka will be having a work session on SB 448 (relative to the Woodsville fire district) on Tuesday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. in LOB 103. The purpose of this work session is to collaborate on an amendment with stakeholders from Woodsville Fire District and Haverhill. All interested parties are welcome.

Please call 603-271-4980 with any questions.

Senator James P. Gray

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

Legislative Breakfast – The annual Water’s Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for Wednesday March 6, 2024 at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast buffet. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. This year Tilak Subrahmanian, Vice President, Energy Efficiency at Eversource and Sharon Nall, NHDES Water Energy Efficiency Program will be speaking to the importance of energy efficiency to the water community, and why Water’s Worth It. In addition, Water Division staff for NHDES will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire’s water infrastructure. This event is free.

Please RSVP to info.nhwpca@gmail.com by February 23rd to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide-ranging coalition of other NH non-profit water organizations. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your legislative peers and attending this event.

Senator Denise Ricciardi

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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network – NH will be hosting a Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, March 7, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the State House cafeteria. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss pending legislative priorities as well as what services the American Cancer Society provides to NH residents.

Senator Regina Birdsell

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26, 2024 –

Friday, March 01, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Thursday, May 09, 2024

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024

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Thursday, June 06, 2024

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Thursday, July 04, 2024

Monday, September 02, 2024

Monday, November 11, 2024

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Friday, November 29, 2024

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Winter Recess

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports. (4:00 p.m.)

Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Independence Day (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)